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THERE IS STILL TIME
Change of Watch & Founders Day

Saturday - 22 February 2020

Jonathan's 534 Hooper Road, Endwell, N.Y.
Cocktails 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM: Cash Bar
Hors d'oeuvres

Entrées

Broiled Haddock; Chicken Marsala; Veal Parmesan—\$33.00 Per Person
Ribeye Steak—\$35.00 Per Person
Prices Include Tax and Tip
Soup; Salad; Potatoes; - Coffee, Tea and Dessert

Reservation-Linda Rought-607-760-6388, Reservation/Cancellation Deadline 15 February

Note: The restaurant will charge the squadron for the number of reservations made. Persons failing to cancel reservations prior to the deadline date will be expected to pay for their dinners.

Explanation of Change of Watch and Founder's Day Event

Change of Watch is the time when we change our bridge members. Traditionally the Commander steps down and the remaining bridge members step up one position. Recently, our Commanders and Executive Officers have agreed to accept the position for two years.

Founders Day celebrates the founding of our squadron. We were incorporated in June 1956. We will be 64 years old in June of 2020. We are commemorating the anniversary at this event. Please join us if you can. I believe you'll really enjoy it.

A Thank You from the SeaChest Staff

The Staff of the SeaChest wishes to thank all those who extended Holiday Greetings to fellow members by placing their names on the cover or on cards within the Holiday issue. Thanks to your generosity the Squadron will be able to continue publishing the SeaChest.



Finding the Way

We are looking for suggestions on how to make our squadron more interesting and enjoyable for our members both during and not during the boating season. The activities could be in the form of excursions to interesting places, special plays or programs, discussion groups with members with unusual knowledge of interesting subjects. You name it and we will consider it.
Contact Commander Mary with your ideas. 607-722-5136





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Commander's Comments

It's difficult for me to believe that my first year as your Commander is coming to an end. It's been a great learning experience for me and a pleasure to work with such a great group of people... always helpful and coming to my rescue. We've participated in great events; District conferences; dinners; meetings; a picnic; helping at the CNY Boat Show in Syracuse; Alan Treman Marina Safety Day in Ithaca; a Rendezvous on Cayuga Lake aboard the MV Teal; wine tasting; helping at the Tall Ships Festival in Brockville, Ontario; the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Fundraiser Wow! We have been busy having fun and helping our fellow boaters!

This year, 2020, is already becoming another fun filled year. We are brainstorming some exciting events for your participation and enjoyment:

- Starting the Two Hour on-the-Water Training Program
- Participating in the Alan Treman Marina Safety Day
- A rendezvous on Seneca Lake in August
- A Safe Boating Week Event starting 16 May
- A cruise to New England and Canada in the fall

Watch future editions of the SeaChest and your e-mail for more details.

By now the ABC classes are underway and thanks to the efforts of SEO Les Smith, JN, and Lt Ann Smith, S, we've had a good turnout. The next class will be held in March, so spread the word to your friends and family.

I hope to see you at our 22 February Change of Watch/ Founder's Day Dinner and remember.....-

"America's Boating Club...is YOUR Boating Club"

Commander *Mary Kucharek, P*

Brianna's Law

Brianna's Law went into effect 1 January 2020 and will be fully implemented on 1 January 2025. The law requires that every operator of "mechanically propelled" boats successfully complete an approved boater safety course by 2025. It depends on when you were born to determine if you need the certification starting in 2020.

Here's the schedule of when certification is required: In 2020 if you were born after 1 January 1993: In 2022 if you were born after 1 January 1988: In 2023 you were born before 1 January 1983: In 2024 if you were born before 1 January, 1975: Finally, in 2025 EVERYONE will need it.

The USPS Safe Boating Course (ABC) meets the requirements and is an approved course. (By SEO Les Smith, JN)



On the Horizon Susquenago Events

Saturday
22 February
6 PM Cocktails
7 PM Meeting

Change of Watch
Jonathan's
Hooper Road
Endwell, NY

District Events

27-29 March

D/6 Spring Council &
Conference
Corning, NY

Jump Start Program....A Two Hour on-the-Water Training Program

The Jump Start Program has been developed as a tool to help increase recreational boating safety. The Jump Start Program is a hands-on training program from the Boat Operator Certification Committee of the United States Power Squadrons. It provides a framework for teaching a one-on-one training session with a student on their own boat. The content of the training is customized to fit the needs of the individual student. The goal is to help the new boat owner develop essential skills for safe operation of their boat, and to break through any barriers that may limit their boating enjoyment. The Jump Start Program provides a personalized, high-quality training experience for the student. It also helps the student bond with the squadron, and encourages participation in additional squadron training and activities.

The target time for the training is set at two hours. This provides a reasonable amount of time to teach a number of skills. It also sets reasonable expectations for the student. Some additional preparation time will be required by the instructor. Of course, an instructor can always spend more time working with a student if they choose to do so. But we recommended completing the initial training session before considering additional one-on-one training.

This program is intended for boaters who need some basic hands-on training in order to operate their boat safely and with confidence. The student can be a members or non-member. For non-members, consider using this program as a recruiting tool. The student should be the owner of a new boat, or at least a boat new to them. The boat may be of any type or size, as long as the instructor has relevant experience. The student's boat may be kept in a marina, or may be on a trailer. Launching and retrieving the boat may be part of the training. The student should have some boating experience, but has limited experience with a boat of this type. The Jump Start program is not intended as a substitute for other USPS training and courses.

Recommended prerequisites for the Jump Start Program are:

A current certificate indicating that the student has successfully completed a boating safety course.

The student has some actual experience as a boat operator.

The student must be the owner of the boat or designated in writing, by the owner, as the principle operator.

The trainer is limited to teaching boat operation and safety and not advanced topics as taught in our advanced courses, except where safety issues are involved. Basic operation of boat systems can be included in the Jump Start program.

More complete information on the program is contained on the National web site at USPS.org. Go to the *site index* and type in Jump Start.

If you are interested in becoming a trainer, please contact Commander Mary Kucharek

January 2020 General Membership Meeting



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